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I support this application.

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I recommend that this petition to the Commission be accepted without amendments.

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I totally agree that the usage of the name *Palaeortyx phasianoides* should be maintained in the ornithological literature by the designation of a neotype. Confusion surrounding this issue has been needlessly created by Mlíkovský (2000) and is clearly based on misidentifications and taxonomic inaccuracies. This action will go far to avoid further confusion with regard to the nominal species *Palaeortyx phasianoides* (Gruiformes), *Mionetta blanchardi* (Milne-Edwards, 1863) (Anseriformes) and *Ameripodius alexis* Mourer-Chauviré, 2000 (Galliformes).

Comment on the proposed conservation of the specific name of *Vespertilio nanus* Peters, 1852 (currently *Pipistrellus nanus*; Mammalia, Chiroptera)
(Case 3240; see BZN 60: 42–44, 314–315)

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I do not support the application to suppress the name *Vespertilio pipistrellus africanus* Rüppell, 1842 for the African banana bat. This taxon as currently understood is apparently not monotypic as documented by published research work. Until a comprehensive revision of the complex has been achieved, untimely nomenclatural actions are liable to create further instabilities.